

Lower Umatilla Basin  
Ground water Management Area  
Minutes  
October 22, 2019

Attendance:

Janet Greenup	Morrow SWCD
Clive Kaiser	OSU Hermiston
Scott Lukas	OSU HAREC
Ray Qin	OSU HAREC
Tom Demianew	ODA
Aaron Palmquist	City of Irrigon
Charles Kennedy	Oregon DEQ
Jen Woody	OWRD
Stephanie Case	Morrow County Planning
Hank Johnson	US Geological Survey
Steve Gingerich	US Geological Survey
Randy Jones	ODEQ/Regional Solutions
Courtney Crowell	Regional Solutions/Gov. Office
Mark Millard	Agri NW Irrigated Ag
Bill Hansell	Oregon State Senator
Greg Harris	Threemile Canyon Farms
Aaron Madison	Madison Ranches Inc
Melissa Lindsay	Morrow County Board of Commissioners
Tom Straughan	Umatilla Co. SWCD
Lora Mickelsen	IRZ Consulting
Jr Cook	NOWA
Meghna Babbar-Sebeas	OSU

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Clive Kaiser. Introductions were made. A motion was made by Aaron, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

USGS presented information on a regional groundwater model to help with understanding the flow of the groundwater in the basin and to help evaluate water-management practices. This model would also be helpful in deciding how to break up the management area into smaller units.

Clive stressed that we need to understand the history of the LUB and the hydrology: Where the nitrates are in the water table, where they came from and the movement of the water.

Much discussion on dollars needed to match and fund a USGS hydrologic study model. Clive questioned who would own the model and was told it would be public domain. It was questioned why USFS wasn't at the table.

Aaron Palmquist wants to make a formal request to the Dean of Agriculture at OSU for funding of a hydrologic study.

Senator Hansell spoke on legislative activities and funding issues. He will definitely help the LUB as much as possible.

There is 20 years of DEQ data for domestic wells. JR cautioned the committee concerning agency regulations dealing with shared data etc.

InterACTWEL's lunchtime report was cancelled and there was a discussion on the tool and the proposed workshop.

Clive is currently the interim Chair at the Hermiston Station. He asked that this information be forwarded to Miff to update the website. Due to Clive's new position, he stepped down and nominated Scott Lukas to become the LUBGWMA committee chair, effective immediately. The committee voted to appoint Scott to the committee chair.

Melissa asked JR to send her information on the POP.

The next meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 9:00 am at HAREC.

Submitted by Janet Greenup, Morrow SWCD